

**MINUTES  
MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES  
REGULAR MEETING (Hybrid)  
MAY 12, 2022**

**Present:** President Jen Ahearn-Koch (Sarasota), Vice President Debbie McDowell (North Port) (Zoom), Treasurer Brian Williams (Palmetto), Commissioner Carol Carter (Anna Maria), Commissioner Councilman Bill Sanders (Bradenton), Mayor John Chappie (Bradenton Beach), B.J. Bishop (Town of Longboat Key)

**Absent:** Councilman Joe Neunder (Venice) and Terry Schaefer (Holmes Beach)

**Also Present:** Administrative Coordinator Gail Loeffler and Deputy Town Clerk Savannah Cobb

**1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

President Ahearn-Koch called the Regular Meeting of ManaSota League of Cities (MSLC) to order at 9:30 a.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Special Presentations**

A. Bert Harris, Jr., Private Property Rights Protection Act and land use/planning relative to affordable housing – Mr. Mark P. Barnebey, Attorney at Law

Attorney Mark P. Barnebey, Bialock Walters, provided a PowerPoint presentation on affordable housing and provided details about the Bert Harris, Jr. Act.

B. Inclusionary zoning as relates to affordable housing – Mr. Jon Thaxton, Director of Community Investment, Gulf Coast Community Foundation

Mr. Jon Thaxton, Director of Community Investment, Gulf Coast Community Foundation, commented on inclusionary zoning relating to affordable housing. Discussion ensued on the following topics/issues:

- infrastructure
- requirements by developers
- Bert Harris Act impact on inclusionary zoning
- public transportation.

**3. Public to be Heard**

No items were presented.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of Regular Meeting on March 10, 2022.

**Member Chappie moved to approve the March 10, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion, seconded by Member Sanders, carried unanimously.**

**5. Reports and Communications**

A. Associate Members and Ex-Officio Members

No items were presented.

B. President Report

President Ahearn-Koch commented her trip to Washington D.C. for the National League of Cities conference, and her participation on the City of Venice tour. Individual comments followed.

C. Vice President's Report

Vice President McDowell commented on the City of Venice tour and noted the importance of having city tours and presentations.

President Ahearn-Koch noted the City of Sarasota could host a tour possibly in September. Member Sanders noted City of Bradenton could host a tour in November or December.

**There was a consensus to skip the summer months of June through August for hosting tours.**

Ms. Collette Russell, Associate Member representing Orange Data, noted she would be willing to help with anything for the tours.

D. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Williams noted he would send Treasurer's Report out later this date.

E. Administrative Coordinator's Report

Administrative Coordinator Loeffler noted the items on her report.

**There was a consensus to forward the discussion regarding Florida League of Cities luncheon participation to the July 14, 2022 Regular Meeting.**

Discussion ensued on agenda item topics for the July 14, 2022 Regular Meeting.

E. Florida League of Cities' (FLC) Board of Directors

Treasurer Williams noted the next FLC Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2022.

G. Florida League of Cities (FLC) Legislative Committee Member Reports

No items were presented.

H. Advocacy and Key Contact Reports

No items were presented.

**6. New Business**

A. Discussion re: Participation in FLC Regional League Breakfast Meetings held during FLC Annual Conference in August 2022 – Administrative Coordinator Loeffler

Administrative Coordinator Loeffler commented on the FLC Regional League Breakfast Meetings and the cost of breakfast per person.

**Member Carter moved to have Manasota League of Cities pay for breakfast for any members or alternates attending the conference. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Bishop, carried unanimously.**

**Treasurer Williams moved to amend the motion to include local community elected officials. The motion, seconded by Member Carter, carried by a 6-1 vote.**

Treasurer Williams clarified FLC only needs to know if MSLC will be participating in the breakfast at this time.

**7. Member Comments**

Legislative

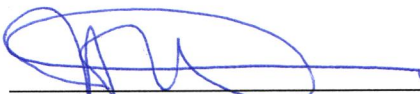
Member Carter commented on Senate Bill 620 and the potential effects by the bill if it were signed by the Governor.

**8. Meeting Schedule**

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

**9. Adjournment**

**President Ahearn-Koch adjourned the May 12, 2022, Regular Meeting at 10:47 a.m.**

  
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Jen Ahearn-Koch, President

Submitted by: Savannah Cobb, Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes Approved: 7/14/2022